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Dr. Alexander Hollaender, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Box P; Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Hollaender:

After inquiring at the reservation bureau here, I find that flight schedules from Madison to Knoxville are very poor indeed, and that it would be very inconvenient for me to arrive in time for a 3:30 PM seminar. However, I was told that new airline schedules will be published on February 1, and I will let you know of my plans immediately after that date. Would a Friday morning date for a seminar be inconvenient to you? In fact, I may wonder whether a seminar is entirely desirable, as I imagine that most of your staff who would be interested have already heard me on other occasions, and I have practically nothing to report that has not been published for some time.

However, if you insist, and if a convenient schedule can be worked out, my remarks might be entitled "The Genes of Bacteria".

Until I write you further in about two weeks,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg